

# PIERCE FIRES ON A BITTER COLD DAY.

## Mrs. Bernheim Carried Her Aged Mother from Flames.

Mrs. Bernheim saved her mother's life this afternoon at a fire on the top floor of 180 East Twenty-second street, which was prefaced by an explosion of gas that shook the surrounding houses.

Gas is supposed to have escaped into the dumb-waiter shaft from a leaking main and become ignited by contact with a lighted jet in a hallway.

The force of the explosion was most severely felt in the Bernheim apartments, which are on the fourth floor. Flame, filled the dining-room, in which were Mrs. Bernheim, her two children and her mother, Mrs. Schuster.

Mrs. Schuster is seventy-six years old and is nearly helpless. At the first alarm Mrs. Bernheim ran downstairs with her children.

She called for help to rescue Mrs. Schuster. Before aid could respond Mrs. Bernheim returned to her flat, seized Mrs. Schuster and carried the old lady to safety. Then she fainted. Mrs. Schuster was prostrated by fright and shock.

Two alarms were sent in. The fire did \$5,000 damage.

### SAVED 200 TOTS.

Kindergarten Scholars Marched from Fire by Cool Teachers.

Two hundred little boys and girls, many about four years old, had just taken their seats at 9 o'clock this morning in the class rooms on the third floor of the Newsboys' Lodging House, at Duane and Chambers streets, when one of their number came rushing through the hallways with an alarming cry of "fire," which was then burning fiercely on the sixth story.

The young scholars were instantly on their feet. At the same moment four loud clangs of the school's fire-bell were heard by the half-dressed women in charge. They were quick to act.

Miss Anna Redding had the kindergarten class, composed mainly of tiny tots, between four and six years old. At the first cry of "fire" the little ones were excited.

Miss Redding brought her ruler down the desk with a bang. It startled the children.

"Stand up!" she commanded. Every child instantly obeyed. Some, two, three; right about! Every face was turned toward the door.

"Without a show of hesitancy, the children fled out of the classroom into the open hall, with their calm, heroic cheer in the lead.

Taking her position at the head of the stairway Miss Redding saw every one of her charges safely out of the building and in the street marshalled them again, taking them to a warm place across the street.

In every classroom the same performance was repeated. The teachers' cool demeanor reassured the children and prevented a possibly disastrous panic.

The school is conducted by the Children's Aid Society.

The loss was about \$5,000. A defective flue is thought to have caused the fire.

**INVAJDS SAVED FROM FIRE**

Sick Woman, Wee Baby and Old Paralytic Rescued from Flaming Tenement.

Mrs. Dole and her little one were out this morning when fat felled over and set the big tenement at 75 Henry street on fire. It was burning fiercely before the fire was discovered. Then the twenty families made quick time getting out.

On the third floor Mrs. Barnett lived with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Gerstein. Mrs. Gerstein became a mother five days ago. Her brother seized the baby and ran over the roof to the next tenement, where the baby was taken in.

Then he ran back and, assisted by his brother, carried the sick woman by the same route to safety.

Two-year-old Little Buckman was forgotten by her parents on the top floor and narrowly escaped cremation, for that floor was gutted by the fire.

On the first floor, Wolff Greenstein, an old man whose legs are paralyzed, was carried down a ladder by Charles Marsh, of engine 12.

A cat thrown from an upper story was crawling about maimed and walling for twenty minutes, when a merciful policeman shot it.

The firemen found the platforms of the fire-escapes filled with household utensils and had to toss them into the street in order to give tenants room to escape.

Three firemen on the roof were nearly frozen to death on one side and reached to a turn on the other while holding back the bitter air.

A panic-stricken tenant on the fifth floor tried to save a cask of wine by throwing it from the window. It burst and painted the sidewalk an expensive red.

**SHIP AFIRE IN DOCK.**

Watchman Nearly Suffocated by Smoke Aboard the Montell, a Motor Launch.

A fire on the Montell life steamer Antlia, lying at pier 7 East River, which occurred at 8:30 last evening, was put out an hour afterward by the fire department.

It was below deck amidships and confined to the woodwork about the boiler where it started and the engine-room, which was considerably burned.

It was discovered by the watchman who was the only person on the engine when the alarm was given. When he saw the smoke was full of smoke and he

# SHE IS THE COMING QUEEN OF FASHION.

Mrs. Astor Will Abdicate in Favor of Mrs. Edmund Baylies, Whom She Has Had Long in Training.



It is said that Mrs. Astor, feeling the weight of advancing years, has decided to abdicate the social throne on which she has sat for so many triumphant seasons—a sort of Victoria of Fashion—in favor of Mrs. Edmund Baylies, whom she has had in training for the place for a long time.

It was long supposed that Mrs. Astor's daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, would succeed to the throne. But this young woman has decided that she is "too exclusive" to take the job of bossing the 400. Besides, the position of First Lady of Society has, to her eyes, a sort of mature suggestion which she does not relish.

Mrs. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Baylies are both of old Dutch—or, it sounds better, old Knickerbocker—blood. Mrs. Astor was a Schermerhorn. Mrs. Baylies was a Van Rensselaer. Her mother was a Livingston, while Mrs. John Jacob Astor's only a Philadelphia Willing. Mrs. Baylies and Mrs. "Jack" are great friends and all that, but Mrs. "Jack" has been away this winter and that has helped Mrs. Baylies.

Mrs. Baylies is a trifle over medium height, with a full figure, erect and of good carriage. She is inclined to the brunette type, but not darkly so. Her manner is a combination of high spirit, gentleness and consideration for others. She is gracious and kind, and, unlike some of her rivals for social supremacy, she can see some distance before the end of her handsome nose.

All of which is of vast importance to the people who do not want any inferior persons to mount the social throne. Noblesse oblige.

**FELL FROM "L" INDICTED FOR AND WAS KILLED WIFE MURDER.**

Some Said Track-Walker Johnson Got Electric Shock.

"Dream Slayer" Morrison's Story Didn't Convince Grand Jury.

Martin Johnson, a track walker, living at 152 Degraw street, Brooklyn, fell from the elevated structure of the Lexington avenue branch of the Brooklyn elevated road at Lexington and Throop avenues this afternoon and was instantly killed.

Johnson struck full on his head and his skull was crushed.

But several spectators who describe the fatality say that Johnson stepped on the third rail; that his body suddenly stiffened and straightened out convulsively, and that he then toppled over and fell like a log to the pavement below.

These spectators say that it looked as though the track walker had received an electric shock from the third rail, which was laid as an electric conductor for the motive power of the cars.

Officials of the railroad declare that the third rail on the Lexington avenue branch is not now charged with electricity, the electric system having been temporarily abandoned during the cold snap on account of the many blockades, and that Johnson died of a broken skull. Johnson was forty years old.

**DR. CALDWELL'S FUNERAL.**

Funeral of Dr. Frank Caldwell, who shot Mrs. Mamie Hayes and himself in the Hotel Endicott on Saturday last, was held today at the residence of his father, Dimont Caldwell, 1545 Pacific street, Brooklyn.

The services were private, none but the immediate family being present. A few flowers were sent by friends.

The burial was in the family vault in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

**UNCONSCIOUS IN STREET.**

Domagoj When Found Was Nearly Dead from the Cold and Had a Cut in His Head.

Tony Domagoj, thirty-five years old, of 21 Mulberry street, was found unconscious on the sidewalk at Market and Division streets early this morning. He had previously slipped and received a scalp wound by the fall. He was nearly dead from the cold.

**COLD KILLED BUFFALO.**

Largest of Central Park Herd Succumbed to Arctic Weather.

The large black Cape buffalo in Central Park, the oldest and largest in the herd, died today. He suffered from the intense cold of last night and this morning.

**STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT SOLD FOR \$40,000.**

Forty thousand dollars was the price paid for a seat in the Stock Exchange by William Charles Van Antwerp to-day. He purchased the seat of Nicholas

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# CASTAWAYS RESCUED AFTER DAYS OF PERIL.

## Woman, Child and Two Men Wrecked in a Blizzard on Little Fire Island.

Eight men, a woman and a child were landed safely on Fire Island to-day after an experience that was thrilling and terrible.

Two of the men, the woman and the child spent Saturday night on the wrecked sloop Rambler, while the snow and hail were beating upon them in a seventy-mile-an-hour gale. Their experience was something fearful.

On Saturday afternoon Marine Observer Wickes, of the Postal Telegraph Company, Life-Saver Station, of the Captain's Island station, Mrs. Wickes, wife of the captain of the life-saving station on Captain's Island, and the little child of Mrs. Wickes were in Bay Shore buying provisions. When the purchases were finished they hired the sloop yacht Rambler from Capt. Joe Ketchum and started back for Fire Island. George Young helped manage the boat.

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# TO GIVE MOLINEUX A DEFENSE

Some of These Suggestions Might Have Saved the Condemned Man.

THE POISON PACKAGE ADDRESS FROM MEMORY. If his counsel had put in a defense and called any one of a hundred penmen in this city he could easily have shown that some other person wrote the poison address. Below is a copy of the poison package address written from memory:

*My Harry Cornish  
Knickerbocker Athletic Club  
Madison Ave and Twenty-fifth St  
New York City*

C. W. BRADLEY, Policy Clerk, 161 Broadway, N. Y. City.

How would you have set about saving Molineux had you been his counsel? The Evening World will pay:

\$50 for the best 100 words.  
\$25 for the second best 100 words.  
\$10 for the third best 100 words.  
\$5 for the fourth best 100 words.

Address "Molineux Case Editor, Evening World, P. O. Box 254, New York City." Awards will be announced in The Evening World Saturday, March 2.

**Would Rely on Old Precept.** HAD I defended Molineux I would have relied on the presumption of law, that my client was innocent until proven guilty by competent legal evidence, and in case of such conviction, on such wide-praised evidence as was allowed in the case, I would review and reverse the judgment and conviction on appeal. Mrs. GEORGE E. BROWN.

**Where is Crockett Paper?** WHY did Molineux try to dispose of Cornish, when he had a good home and devoted wife? What did Mamie Melando do with the three sheets of blue paper she claims she took possession of? Couldn't it be possible that Cornish tried to get rid of Mrs. Adams on account of some matrimonial squabble, and planned the whole thing so that he wouldn't be suspected?

**Look Up Cornish's Post.** SHOULD have found out more about Cornish, and I would have endeavored to learn why Cornish was so careful about the poison-package wrapper that he locked it up before anything happened at all. I would investigate any possible motive for Mrs. Adams' death. The jury could find a very strong motive to get Mrs. Adams out of the way, than that of Molineux's hatred for Cornish.

**Implicate Victim.** HAD Molineux ever sent Cornish any package by messenger the wrapper of which might have been used a second time through the mail? Was suspicion cast upon Molineux intentionally or was it the result of trying to divert attention from the real culprit? Who might suffer? Has Lawyer Weiss considered the possibility that Mrs. Adams sent the poison to Cornish? Did she not have a motive in her daughter?

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